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| In re Application of | : | NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL |
| Shinobu Tanaka | : | FROM ISSUE |
| Application No. 09/883,279 | : | UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(b) |
| Filed: June 19, 2001 | : | |

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee **due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 CFR 1.313(b)(3).**

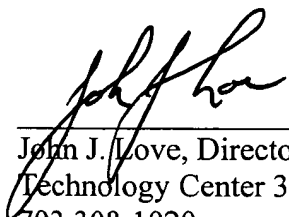
The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee is refundable upon written request. If, however, the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due upon request.

This request and any balance due must be received on or before the due date noted in the new Notice of Allowance in order to prevent abandonment of this application.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to John J. Love, Director, Technology Center 3600 at 703 308-1020.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.



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